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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status has been claimed. See 37 CFR § 1.27.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2006, please amend the abovereferenced application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.